FIFTH DAY.

Friday, 18th June 1937.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock in the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Friday, 18th June 1937, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

Swearing in of Members.

The following members made the prescribed Oath of Allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and took their seats :—

1. Mr. B. Kadappa, Shikarpur Taluk;
2. Mr. D. Chikke Urs, Periapatna Taluk.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR requested, on behalf of the Assembly, that the session be extended by a day since much of the business remained to be transacted.

The PRESIDENT was pleased to announce that the House would sit on Sunday, 20th June 1937, between 8 and 11-30 A.M.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Irrigation Works in Bangalore District.

Q.—1. **Messrs. S. KARIYAPPA, V. L. CHAME GOWDA and Gurukar VENKATARAMANE GOWDA** (Kankanhalli Taluk); **B. L. BYANNA and C. N. NARASINGA RAO** (Bangalore City Municipality); **B. MUNIVENKATAPPA and N. APPANNA REDDY** (Bangalore Taluk); **B. M. MUNISWAMAPPA, K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR and A. N. RAMA RAO** (Special Interests); **T. MADIAH GOWDA** (Channapatna Taluk); **B. CHOODE GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk); **Patel HANUME GOWDA** (Dodballapur Taluk); **GURUSWAMI GOWDA** (Hoskote Taluk); **A. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA** (Devanhalli Taluk); **S. SARABHANNA** (Anekal Taluk); **B. MALLAPPA and A. M. CHANNAMARE GOWDA** (Nelamangala Taluk); **Patel HONNASIDDIAH** (Magadi Taluk); **A. M. VENKATASWAMAIYA** (Closepet Municipality); **K. P. PARASIVIAH** (Kankanhalli Municipality) and **K. NARAYANA SETTY** (Magadi Municipality).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) in respect of how many irrigation works (such as, tanks, channels, *anicuts*, etc.) have the raiyats of the Bangalore District been giving petitions to the Revenue and Public Works Departments since 1932 (Details to be kindly furnished villagewar, talukwar and yearwar. The names of several works may also be kindly furnished);

(*b*) what is the action taken in respect of each;

(*c*) in what cases and under what circumstances were (i) *mulchalikas* for payment of contribution obtained from the raiyats and (ii) the amount of contribution recovered? (Details of taluk, village, name of work and year to be kindly furnished.)

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T Kesavalengar).**—

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) It is not possible to give a correct villagewar list of all petitions sent to the several authorities of the Revenue and Public Works Departments during the last five years. From the information so far available, some of the cases have been disposed of and others are in various stages of progress and the authorities concerned will be asked to expedite them. The total amount of contribution recovered amounts to Rs. 3,750-4-2 distributed as shown below :—

Taluk		Amount		
		Rs.	a.	p.
Devanhalli	...	1,025	12	5
Anekal	...	143	15	5
Nelamangala	...	1,000	0	0
Kankanhalli	...	1,580	8	4
Total	...	3,750	4	2

Lands sold for Arrears of Revenue in Bangalore District.

Q.—5. **Messrs. N. APPANNA REDDY, A. G. RAMAYYA REDDY and B. MUNIVENKATAPPA** (Bangalore Taluk); **B. L. BYANNA and C. N. NARASINGA RAO** (Bangalore City Municipality); **B. M. MUNISWAMAPPA, K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR and A. N. RAMA RAO** (Special Interests); **T. MADIAH GOWDA** (Channapatna Taluk); **B. CHOODE GOWDA** (Closepet Taluk); **S. KARIYAPPA, V. L. CHAME GOWDA and Gurukar VENKATARAMANE GOWDA** (Kankanhalli Taluk); **Patel HANUME GOWDA** (Dodballapur Taluk); **GURUSWAMI GOWDA** (Hoskote Taluk);

A. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk); **S. SARABHANNA** (Anekal Taluk); **B. MALLAPPA** and **A. M. CHANNAMARE GOWDA** (Nelamangala Taluk); **Patel HONNASIDDIAH** (Magadi Taluk); **A. M. VENKATASWAMAIYA** (Closepet Municipality); **K. P. PARASIVIAH** (Kankanhalli Municipality) and **K. NARAYANA SETTY** (Magadi Municipality).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of raiyats whose lands were sold for land revenue arrears in the Bangalore District during 1933-34, 1934-35 and 1935-36;

(*b*) in how many cases, the *takarar* petitions presented by the raiyats, after the sale, were rejected without enquiry;

(*c*) how many cases were disposed of after enquiry in the Bangalore District?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*)	1933-34	3,462
	1934-35	4,211
	1935-36	4,478
(*b*)	1933-34	9
	1934-35	3
	1935-36	7*
(*c*)	1933-34	169*
	1934-35	168
	1935-36	195

* These figures are subject to further verification.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are Government aware that the number of lands sold for arrears of revenue is increasing from year to year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes; but it all depends upon the number of cases in which land revenue remains unpaid. But the number does not indicate anything very much since the landowners will get back their lands as soon as the dues are paid up.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is it a fact that some petitions have not been disposed of at all?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—With reference to answer (*b*) why were so many petitions rejected without enquiry?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There must be some valid reasons as, for example, in cases in which the petition cannot be considered, on the face of it.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—How many lands were auctioned but retained in the name of the Government for want of bidders?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Have the Government ascertained the reasons why they have been able to collect a higher percentage of land revenue than during the past 10 years?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If the arrears are heavy, the total realization may be large even though the collection against the current year's demand may not by itself be heavy.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that in the previous years also, the raiyats had to face considerable difficulties so that the recovery of even previous years' dues at the present time is bound to work as a hardship on them?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes, and that is why concessions have been shown on a large scale.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is it the opinion of the Government that the increased collection is due to improvement in the economic condition of the raiyat?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The opinion of the Government is that the raiyats have had no fresh difficulties during the current year.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Have the Government assured themselves that the full benefit of all the concessions which have been ordered is actually reaching the raiyats?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government have reason to think that it is reaching them.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Are Government aware that Amildars and Sub-Division Officers have not been granting the relief in all deserving cases?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—At the last session also, a similar statement was made in general terms and Government replied that concrete cases might be brought to their notice. But so far, no such grievance has been brought to notice.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—If the raiyats have not complained to the Government, is it not due to their own ignorance and helplessness rather than to there being no hardships?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I do not agree with the member. If there are any great hardships, the persons affected will certainly bring them to notice. Many other grievances have been brought to notice and suitable relief has been given.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Are Government aware that in the British Indian Provinces, the system of collection of notice fees and other penal levies has been given up and only land revenue demand proper is being recovered even in overdue cases?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Similar concessions are being shown here also.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Then, why is a demand included in the budget estimates under the head "Notice, Isthihar and Jafti fees"?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is different. Concession is shown only in respect of the current year's dues. If arrears have accumulated for three or four years, we cannot forgo that item of revenue.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—Is it true that payment for the next year also is insisted upon if concession in respect of penal levies is shown for the current year?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—No. If any such case is brought to notice, the Revenue Commissioner will take necessary action.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY.—Is there any Standing Order that if only one year's assessment falls overdue, crops should not be attached?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—According to rules, crops are attached only in the case of persistent defaulters.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY.—Will the Revenue Commissioner issue a circular to that effect?

The REVENUE COMMISSIONER (Mr. K. V. Anantaraman).—For non-payment of the current year's demand, no attachment is ordered; and so, there is no necessity for any circular instructions.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—The budget estimates anticipate an income of Rs. 64,000 from Notice Fees, etc., as against Rs. 39,900 budgetted for in the current year. On what basis is the higher demand fixed for the next year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is done according to well-recognised principles of budget preparation.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—When you are going to collect larger sums by way of penal levies, how can you say that concessions are shown to the raiyats?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question of concessions is quite different. That comes under remissions.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Why is it that for the last 3 years the number of auction sales for arrears of land revenue is steadily increasing?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Considering the total number of *khates*, the increase referred to is very little. And that little increase is due to the fact that orders are being enforced more strictly in the case of persistent defaulters.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—And why have such cases increased? Is it because of the raiyats' inability to pay, or have they made up their minds not to pay, or is it because of the inefficiency of the collecting agency?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I should say that the measures adopted for enforcing the rules relating to collection of revenue are becoming more and more efficient.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Does it amount to saying that coercive steps on a more extensive scale are being taken now than before?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—At the last session of the Assembly, a similar question was raised and it was definitely stated that it was not so.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Would we be wrong, then, if we inferred that people are becoming more and more unable to pay the assessment?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is not the view of Government.

Appointments of Probationers.

Q—14. Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA (Bowringpet Municipality).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of appointments of Probationers this year;

(*b*) the number of applications received for the same;